

REMARKS

This amendment is further to the Amendment After Final Office Action filed on April 28, 2010. Claims 5-6 and 12 are currently pending in this application. This amendment merely cancels claim 11. As such, no new matter has been added.

At the outset, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, as the amendment raises no new issues which would require further search and/or consideration by the Examiner. Alternatively, Applicants request entry of the amendment in order to place the claims in better form for consideration on Appeal.

In view of the amendments herein, as well as the amendments and remarks of April 28, 2010, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Vanessa Perez-Ramos, Reg. No. 61,158 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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